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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

DOMINIC A. DRAGOTTA ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL1598 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/940298

GROUP ART UNIT: 1623

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EXAMINER:

FOR: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE LEVELS AS AN INDICATOR OF BIOREACTOR HEALTH

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

By an Office Action dated November 14, 2002 the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. The Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-12 (Group I) are drawn to a method for monitoring and controlling biocatalytic efficiency of a wastewater treatment process and are classified in Class 435 subclass 29. Claims 13-16 (Group II) are said to be drawn to a method of maintaining a viable culture in an activated sludge environment in the absence of carbon influx classified in Class 435 subclass 260

Election of claims is required under 37 CFR 1.143

Accordingly Applicants hereby elect Group I encompassing Claims 1-12 without traverse.

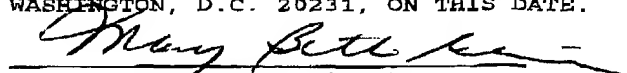
Please cancel claims 13-16 as drawn to a non-elected invention.

The above Election of Claims and species and cancellation of Claims does not alter the inventorship of the application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected matter. In making this election Applicants make no representations or admissions regarding the reasoning employed by the Examiner in support of the restriction.

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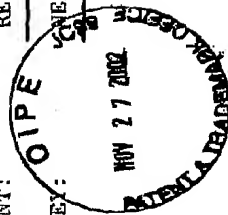
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